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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
CHARLES ROSILIO ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
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FOR: BIOCHIP PRODUCTION METHOD:  
AND BIOCHIP

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

✓ 5. (Amended) Method according to claim 3, wherein step a) also comprises a chemical treatment step of the gold layer at the base of the microtroughs in the presence of a functionalised pyrrole for example with a thiol group so as to form a monolayer of pyrrole onto said gold layer, at the base of said microtroughs.

✓ 7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the substrate is a silicon insert.